



# Safety Bulletin

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## ATTENTION Weed “Eater” Safety Tips

### Weed “Eaters” Trimmers /

- Read the operator's manual and get proper instruction before operating a trimmer.
- Never operate the trimmer with the guard removed.
- Clear the work area of objects, sticks, rocks, wire, etc., before starting work.
- Clear the work area of people and animals for a radius of approximately 35 feet around the operator.
- Always wear eye protection.
- Keep the cutting line or blade away from your feet and legs.
- Position the trimmer away from your body to avoid the muffler or other hot engine parts.
- Move the trimmer in a sweeping motion away from



### Clothing and maintenance

- Wear close-fitting clothes, long pants or slacks, and closed-toe shoes with traction soles. Do not operate any power equipment while barefoot or when wearing thongs or sandals.
- Loose clothing, scarves, dangling jewelry and untucked shirt tails can snag on controls or get caught in moving parts.
- Protect your eyes with safety glasses or goggles and your ears with earplugs.
- Wear gloves to service or adjust equipment, especially when working on the blades.

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When working on equipment with blade guards removed, take out the spark plug and ground the spark plug wire to prevent accidental engine start.